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List of staff of the United Nations Secretariat

Report of the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has the honour to submit, for the information of the General Assembly, a list of the staff of the United Nations Secretariat (ST/ADM/R.63)* showing, by office, department and organizational element, the name, functional title, nationality and grade of all staff members holding an appointment of one year or more as at 1 July 2008.

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Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1312 (2000) of 31 July 2000, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the last of which was resolution 1798 (2008) of 30 January 2008, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 31 July 2008,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1827 (2008) of 30 July 2008, by which the Council terminated the mandate of the Mission effective on 31 July 2008,

Recalling further its resolution 55/237 of 23 December 2000 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 62/259 of 20 June 2008,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to complete its administrative liquidation,

[1] A/63/546 and Corr.1
[2] A/63/602

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1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea as at 31 October 2008, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 17.5 million United States dollars, representing some 1 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only eighty-seven Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

3. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

Revised budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

9. *Decides* to reduce the appropriation of 100,367,400 dollars approved for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 under the terms of its resolution 62/259 by the amount of 63,351,000 dollars, to 37,016,400 dollars;

10. *Also decides* to reduce the amount of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 under the terms of its resolution 62/259 from 2,339,800 dollars to 1,111,400 dollars;

Financing of the appropriation

11. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 28,652,450 dollars for the administrative liquidation of the Mission for the period from 1 August 2008 to 30 June 2009, in addition to the amount of 8,750,833 dollars already apportioned for the period from 1 to 31 July 2008 under the terms of its

resolution 62/259, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008 and 2009, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

12. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 11 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 916,417 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 August 2008 to 30 June 2009;

13. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

14. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

15. *Decides* to keep under review during its sixty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea".

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United Nations Pension System

Draft resolution submitted by the Rapporteur following informal consultations

United Nations Pension System

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 55/224 of 23 December 2000, 57/286 of 20 December 2002, 59/269 of 23 December 2004, 61/240 of 22 December 2006 and 62/241 of 22 December 2007,

Having considered the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board for 2008 to the General Assembly and to the member organizations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund,[1] including the financial statements of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund for the biennium ended 31 December 2007, the audit opinion and report of the Board of Auditors thereon, the information provided on the internal audits of the Fund and the observations of the Board, the reports of the Secretary-General on the investments of the Fund[2] and on the administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board[3] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board,[1] in particular, the action taken by the Board as set out in chapter II.B of the report;

2. *Notes* that the report of the Board of Auditors on the accounts of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund for the biennium ended 31 December 2007 indicated that the financial statements presented fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund and that the transactions tested as part of the audit

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 9* (A/63/9).
[2] A/C.5/63/2.
[3] A/63/363.
[4] A/63/556.

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were, in all significant respects, in accordance with the Regulations and Rules of the Fund and legislative authority;[5]

3. *Endorses* the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

I
Administrative arrangements, revised budget and longer-term objectives of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

4. *Takes note* of the information set out in paragraphs 180 to 197 of the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board[1] on the revised budget estimates for the biennium 2008-2009;

5. *Approves* the increase of 2,204,000 United States dollars in total additional resources for the biennium 2008-2009, noting that the revised estimates for the biennium would amount to a total appropriation of 153,199,100 dollars;

II
Benefit provisions

6. *Endorses* the decision taken by the Board in 2007, in which it reaffirmed its earlier decision maintaining that the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund should determine entitlements to pension benefits, in particular under articles 34 and 35 of the Regulations of the Fund, which cover spousal benefits, in accordance with the personal status of a participant as recognized and reported to the Fund by the participant's employing organization, on the understanding that the final verification that the personal status has remained the same will be done by the Fund at the time of granting such pension benefits;

7. *Approves* the changes in the benefit provisions that would streamline the application of the relevant provisions governing family or former family members under articles 35 bis, 35 ter and 36, as set out in annex XIV to the report of the Board;[1]

8. *Also approves* the amendment to article 24 (b) of the Regulations of the Fund, as set out in annex XIV to the report of the Board, which would allow participants who return to active contributory service after a period of disability to count such periods of disability as contributory service without requiring the participant to pay contributions for that period;

9. *Approves* the agreement of the Board to clarify that the scope of the revision in 2006 of article 24, concerning the elimination of the limitation on the right to restoration based on years of prior service, did not cover only those participants who had received a withdrawal settlement, but also those who had elected a deferred retirement benefit (full or partial) as long as no periodic benefit payments of their deferred benefit had been made, as set out in paragraphs 329 and 330 of the report of the Board, and as clarified in the technical amendments to the Regulations of the Fund, set out in annex XIV to the report of the Board;

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[5] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 9* (A/63/9), annex VIII.

III
Other matters

10. *Welcomes* the information that all the committees of the Fund had been presented, and the Board had approved, a declaration of conflict of interest, which referred to the mandate and the focus of each committee and covered the status, conduct and accountability of the members of the Investments Committee, the Committee of Actuaries and the Audit Committee;

11. *Decides*, upon the affirmative recommendation of the Board, that the Special Tribunal for Lebanon shall be admitted as a new member organization of the Fund, effective 1 January 2009;

12. *Emphasizes* that the United Nations and other United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund member organizations should ensure the timely and accurate processing of documentation, including, inter alia, a certification that all suitable arrangements are in place to ensure that all debts to such organizations are paid in full, required by the Pension Fund for the payment of benefits;

13. *Takes note* of the information provided by the Fund on the status of the ongoing implementation of resolution 62/241 regarding the one-time, ex gratia, exceptional payment to retirees residing in Ecuador;

IV
Investments of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

14. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the investments of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund[2] and the observations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, as set out in its report;[1]

15. *Approves* the inclusion of contractual settlement provisions in the agreement with the Global Custodian of the Fund, under the strict terms and conditions and for the purposes recommended by the Representative of the Secretary-General and the Board, and upon legal terms and conditions in such agreement that maximize the protection of the Fund's legal interests;

16. *Welcomes* the continued effort of the Secretary-General, as fiduciary for the investment of the assets of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, to diversify its investments between developed markets and emerging markets, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that, under the current volatile market conditions, decisions concerning the Fund's investments in any country should be implemented very cautiously, fully taking into account the four main criteria for investment, namely, safety, profitability, liquidity and convertibility.